

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 21-29, 33 - 40 were pending.

Claims 21-29, 33, 34 were rejected.

Claims 35 – 40 were objected to.

By this response, please **amend** claims 21, 23, 33, 36, 40 and add **cancel** claims 34, 35, 39.

Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 35 – 40 as being dependent upon an allegedly rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

Claim 21 has been amended to include the features of old claim 21, and old claim 35. Therefore, amended claim 21 is patentable.

Claim 33 has been amended to include the features of old claim 33, and old claim 39. Therefore, amended claim 33 is patentable.

Claims 22 – 29, 36, 37, 38, 40 are directly or indirectly dependent upon claim 21. Therefore, claims 22 – 29, 36, 37, 38, 40 are patentable.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicants respectfully suggest that each of the claims presently in the application are distinct over the prior art and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that the claims be allowed.

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